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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Support Division, OSA**

**SUBJECT: Possible Conversion of [REDACTED]  
USAF, to OXCART Pilot Status**

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1. General Ledford called me [REDACTED] the afternoon of 12 May to ask that we take immediate steps to see if it would not be possible to convert [REDACTED] from military status to that of OXCART Project pilot. I gather that [REDACTED] reassignment within the Air Force has been up for grabs for about six months now, and that the last indication [REDACTED] had was that he was reportedly scheduled to go to Yakota, Japan, for some as yet undesignated capacity.

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2. General Ledford asked that contact be made with [REDACTED] on this subject, and see if he will not agree to a temporary hold on [REDACTED] until we could get him medically examined, security checked and evaluated. I feel certain that Leo will complain bitterly of what he will regard as a last minute attempt to frustrate normal military assignment. If he is obstinate, suggest you not attempt to argue further with him, but fall back and advise [REDACTED] of the results.

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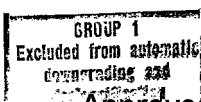
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